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PREVIOUSLY IN NEW AVENGERS

EVERYTHING DIES. YOU. ME. EVERYONE ON THIS PLANET. IT'S INEVITABLE, AND I HAVE COME TO ACCEPT IT. WHAT I FIND ***UNACCEPTABLE*** IS THE UNNATURAL ACCELERATION OF THAT END.

ON AN ALTERNATE EARTH AN EVENT OCCURRED THAT CAUSED THE EARLY DEATH OF A UNIVERSE. THIS CAUSED A TINY CONTRACTION, SMASHING TWO UNIVERSES TOGETHER AT THE INCURSION POINT OF THE INITIAL EVENT.

"EACH INCURSION LASTS EIGHT HOURS, AFTER WHICH EITHER BOTH WORLDS ARE DESTROYED...

"...OR ONLY ONE EARTH IS SACRIFICED, SPARING BOTH UNIVERSES.

"WE SHOULD BE ABLE TO DETECT THE INCURSIONS, SO AT LEAST WE'LL KNOW WHEN ONE IS COMING. HOWEVER...

"...INFINITE WORLDS, INFINITE OUTCOMES. IF THIS COULD EASILY BE STOPPED, IT SHOULD HAVE BEEN STOPPED."

BLACK SWAN, YOU JUMPED HERE FROM ANOTHER WORLD, DESTROYING THE PLANET YOU CAME FROM.

WE WILL TRY EVERY GOOD AND RIGHTEOUS SOLUTION WE CAN.

THE TURN OF THE WHEEL BREAKS HOPE, CRUSHES WHAT MAKES US DECENT AND STEALS WHAT HONOR REMAINS.

AND IF THOSE DON'T WORK...?

I AM TIRED OF WATCHING OTHERS MAKE CHOICES OF CONSEQUENCE WHILE I DO NOTHING. IF I AM TO BE DAMNED BY THESE DECISIONS, LET IT BE USING ALL THE RESOURCES AT THE DISPOSAL OF A SORCERER SUPREME.

I AM NOT A PAWN.

I AM *THE DOCTOR.*

THE ILLUMINATI

BLACK BOLT
Celestial Messiah

NAMOR
Imperius Rex

REED RICHARDS
Universal Builder

IRON MAN
Master of Machines

BEAST
Mutant Genius

DOCTOR STRANGE
Sorcerer Supreme

BLACK PANTHER
King of the Dead

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NOW.

EVERYTHING DIES.

YOU. ME. EVERYONE ON THIS PLANET.

OUR SUN, OUR GALAXY AND, EVENTUALLY, THE UNIVERSE ITSELF.

THIS IS SIMPLY HOW THINGS ARE.

IT'S INEVITABLE.

AND I ACCEPT IT.

WHAT I WILL NOT TOLERATE-- WHAT I FIND *UNACCEPTABLE*--IS THE UNNATURAL ACCELERATION OF THAT END.

WHICH IS WHY WE WERE SUMMONED HERE...

BLACK PANTHER (T'CHALLA)

IRON MAN

CAPTAIN MAR-VELL

BLACK BOLT

MAGNETO

BLACK PANTHER (SHURI)

PROFESSOR X

AS THE UNTIMELY END OF EVERYTHING IS WHAT WE NOW FACE.

EARTH-23099.

THE WORLD CHANGED OVERNIGHT AS THE GREAT MACHINE CAUSED CASCADING GLOBAL TERRIGENESIS.

MAXIMUS, KING OF THE INHUMANS, HAD CREATED THE WELL TO INDUCE THE GREAT CHANGE...

AND TO USHER IN A NEW DAY FOR HIS EXPANDING KINGDOM.

THE ROYAL FAMILY WATCHED AS ALL THE UNCHANGED--THE LOST TRIBES AND THE HIDDEN ONES--BEGAN TO METAMORPHOSE AS THE MIST--THE TRANSFORMATIVE FALLOUT--SPREAD ACROSS THE GLOBE.

IT SHOULD HAVE BEEN THE START OF A NEW INHUMAN AGE.

INSTEAD, IT MARKED THE END OF THE WORLD.

THE INCURSION POINT SHOULD BE SOMEWHERE NEAR THE CENTER OF THE CITY...

WE HAVE A FULL CLOCK, BUT IT'S POSSIBLE THE INHUMANS WILL COMPLICATE THINGS.

POSSIBLE? ASSURED IS MORE LIKELY. AFTER ALL, WE COUNT THEIR EXCOMMUNICANT LEADER AMONG OUR NUMBER.

CAST OUT FOR OUR ACTIONS--ACTIONS THAT WE MAY VERY WELL HAVE TO REPLICATE TODAY...

THE INCURSION WALL IS HERE.

LOOK!

THERE...FALLING TOWARDS US FROM THE OTHER EARTH...

WE ARE NOT ALONE IN OUR ACTIONS HERE TODAY.

"THEIR WORLD WILL NOT FALL QUIETLY TOWARDS OBLIVION."

WAKANDA.
THE NECROPOLIS.
EARTH-616.

NAHU, YABBOT. YOU ARE NOT LISTENING.

MUST I SPEAK SLOWER? OR SHALL I USE SIGNIFICANTLY SMALLER WORDS?

I DON'T KNOW HOW IT WORKS WHERE YOU COME FROM, BLACK SWAN, BUT HERE... CONSTRAINED BY THE FUNDAMENTAL LAWS THAT GOVERN THIS UNIVERSE...

YOU CAN'T ASK A GROUP OF SCIENTISTS TO BUILD SOMETHING THAT'S "BASICALLY A LOOKING BOX POWERED BY PERCEPTION AND NECESSITY."

THAT'S JUST GIBBERISH, LADY.

MAYBE A DIFFERENT TACK. WE COULD WORK BACKWARDS. REVERSE-ENGINEER THE IDEA.

FIRST THINGS FIRST, BEFORE WE INVEST TIME WE ALL KNOW WE DON'T HAVE...

WHY DO WE NEED IT-- AND WHAT EXACTLY DOES IT DO?

YOU NEED IT BECAUSE WITHOUT IT YOU REMAIN AT A DISADVANTAGE. YOU NEED IT BECAUSE THEY ALREADY HAVE IT.

AND WHO WOULD *THEY* BE?

IT COULD BE ANY NUMBER OF INEVITABLE ADVERSARIES YOU WILL SHORTLY FACE, BUT YOU SHOULD PRIMARILY CONCERN YOURSELVES WITH THE BLACK PRIESTS.

AS THEY TEND TO MOVE THROUGH SPACE AND TIME THE WAY YOU WOULD--SO THEY USE THE *MIRRORS* TO NAVIGATE THEIR WAY.

SO IT'S A WAY TO VIEW THINGS--A *MIRROR*, AS IT HAS A FACE... MEANING A SCREEN OF SOME SORT...

GO ON. WHAT DOES IT DO?

IT ALLOWS YOU TO SEE OTHER EARTHS.

SO...WE'RE TALKING ABOUT COMPLEX RATES OF OCCURANCE--UNIVERSAL OSCILLATIONS OR WAVES. THAT KIND OF ARCHITECTURE DEMANDS SOME VARIATION OF A QUANTUM DRIVE. EITHER A POWER SOURCE OR A CONVERTER... SOMETHING.

WHAT ELSE?

IF YOU USE A MIRROR, AND FOCUS YOUR NEEDS...

VARIABLES. PARAMETERS.

NEEDS. THEN YOU CAN OBSERVE OTHER INCURSIONS AS THEY ARE OCCURRI--

OH.

DAMN.

WHAT IS IT, REED?

THESE OBSERVATIONS. WE'D BASICALLY BE LOOKING FOR A SPECIFIC FREQUENCY. SCANNING THE HARMONICS FOR A CONSTANT.

IN OUR CASE, OTHER INCURSIONS.

IT WOULD WORK BECAUSE ALL INCURSIONS HAVE THE SAME PARAMETERS AND CAN BE FOUND AND OBSERVED THROUGH A PROCESS OF...CALL IT INFINITE ELIMINATION.

YES. THE *MIRROR.*

YOU UNDERSTAND.

OF COURSE I DO.

I CAN EVEN BUILD IT.

OH, REALLY? NOT GETTING A LITTLE AHEAD OF YOURSELF, ARE YOU?

UNFORTUNATELY, NO.

I'VE ACTUALLY BUILT ONE BEFORE, ANTHONY. WHAT SHE CALLS A MIRROR...

...I CALLED THE BRIDGE.

"THE IDEA OF LIGHT AND DARK--GOOD AND EVIL--CHAOS AND ORDER...I CALL THESE INTO QUESTION.

"THAT THESE CONCEPTS DEFINE THE EDGES OF ALL THAT EXISTS IS CONTRARY TO THE WRITINGS FOUND IN THE BLU'DAKORR.

"THE BLOOD BIBLE SPEAKS OF IMPOSSIBLE CHOICES...OF GOODS GREATER THAN GOOD... OF DARKS DARKER THAN DARK...

"THESE IMPERCEPTIBLE STATES LIE BEYOND THE NORMAL UNDERSTANDING OF BOTH THE NATURAL AND SUPERNATURAL.

"THEY DO SO BECAUSE TO PERCEIVE THEM, ONE MUST ABANDON FOREVER THE OLD WAYS IN WHICH WE SAW ALL THINGS.

"ONE MUST SACRIFICE EVERYTHING.

"I WILL PLUCK OUT MY OWN EYES IF IT MEANS I CAN SEE AGAIN.

"I WILL TEAR OUT MY OWN TONGUE IF IT MEANS I COULD ONCE MORE UTTER WORDS OF POWER.

"IF IT COST MY VERY SOUL TO HAVE THESE THINGS... THEN SO BE IT.

"I AM READY TO PAY."

EARTH-23099.

GRRR

TINK. TINK. TINK.

SSSS

THEY SEEM UNAFFECTED BY THE POWER COSMIC...

RESILIENT-- RE-FORMING INSTEAD OF SPLINTERING APART.

BLACK BOLT!

RAISE YOUR VOICE!

TINK. TINK. TINK.

SSSS

SSSS

NO EFFECT, CHARLES!

WHOEVER THESE CREATURES ARE, MAGNETO...THEIR PURPOSE MUST PARALLEL OURS REGARDING THE INCURSIONS.

IF THEY PLAN AND SCHEME, THEY CAN BE CONTROLLED. AND IF NOT CONTROLLED, THEN PERHAPS I CAN FATHOM WHAT THEIR...

AMBITIONS MIGHT...BE...

FIIIIND ANYTHIIIIING IIIIINTERESTIIIING?

MY GOD... NOT ONE MIND, BUT THOUSANDS...TENS OF THOUSANDS. UNFATHOMABLE.

WE HAVE NO TIME FOR MYSTERIES, CHARLES...

LET'S UNCOVER WHAT THESE CREATURES REALLY ARE.

WE SEE YOU.

WE SEE YOU.

WE SEE YOU.

WE SEE YOU.

WE SEE YOU.

NECROPOLIS.

"ARE YOU SURE THIS WILL WORK?"

OF COURSE.

THE ORIGINAL DESIGN HAD A CONTAINED SINGULARITY POWERING AN UNCERTAINTY ENGINE. ATTACHED TO THAT WAS A VARIABLE IMAGER TO ACCURATELY INTERPRET DATA MINED FROM ALTERNATE REALITIES.

THE IDEA WAS AN OBSERVATION DEVICE TO SEE HOW PROBLEMS WERE SOLVED ON OTHER EARTHS.

LIMIT WHAT YOU'RE SEARCHING FOR...

CLEARLY DEFINE THE PARAMETERS...

AND YOU CAN WATCH THE GLORIOUS DEATH OF UNIVERSES AS EARTH CRASHES INTO EARTH.

RABUM ALAL BE PRAISED.

WELL...I'M NOT SURE IMPRESSIVE IS THE RIGHT WORD... STILL...

HOW COULD WE COME SO FAR AND NOT TAKE A LOOK?

EARTH-23099.

ZZZZWWWM!

MATTER REORGANIZATION IMPLIES NO ORGANS, WHICH DEMANDS A RETHINKING REGARDING WEAKNESS.

IT DEMANDS A RETHINKING REGARDING THE LAWS BY WHICH THEY ARE GOVERNED.

NOT CREATURES OF SCIENCE...BUT MAGIC.

HRRRNNNN.

SCIIIIIENCE. MAGIIIIC.

THESE CONCEPTS ARE... AMUSIIIIIIIG.

A LESSON FOR YOU, DEFENDERS OF A SOON DYIIIIIIG WORLD.

IIIIIIGNORE DIIIISCIIIIPLIIIIINES, THE UNDERPIIIIINIIIIG OF ALL THIIIIIIGS IIIIIIS MUCH SIIIIIMPLER. ALL THAT MATTERS ARE THE WORDS...

ALL OTHER THIIIIIGS ARE BEST LEFT UNSPOKEN.

AAIIEEEEEEE!

ЧЧООАННННННННННООО

SO IIIIT IIIIIIS...AS IIIIT ALWAYS IIIIIIIS.

MANY CANNOT ENDURE THE WORDS.

ARE THERE OTHERS HERE WE NEED TO SPEAK WIIIITH BEFORE WE CLAIIIIIIM THIIIIIS SPACE?

HRRRNNN... WATCHERS WATCHIIIIING... THERE'S A MIIIIRROR ACTIIIIVE HERE.

IIIIIIIIS THAT YOU LOOKIIIIIG ON, MAPMAKERS?

OR DO I HAVE THE HONOR OF ADDRESSIIIIIG AN EBONY KIIIIIIIIG?

A DAY IIIIIS COMIIIING-- CONVERGENCE.

AND ON THAT DAY, THE FIIIIINAL WORD WIIIIILL BE SPOKEN.

IIIIIF ALL THAT YOU HAVE BELIIIIIEVED HAS LED YOU TO A PLACE OPPOSIIIIIING US... THE BLACK PRIIIIESTS...

"THEN YOU HAVE TO ASK YOURSELVES...

"WHAT VALUE DOES YOUR LIIIIIFE HAVE AT ALL?

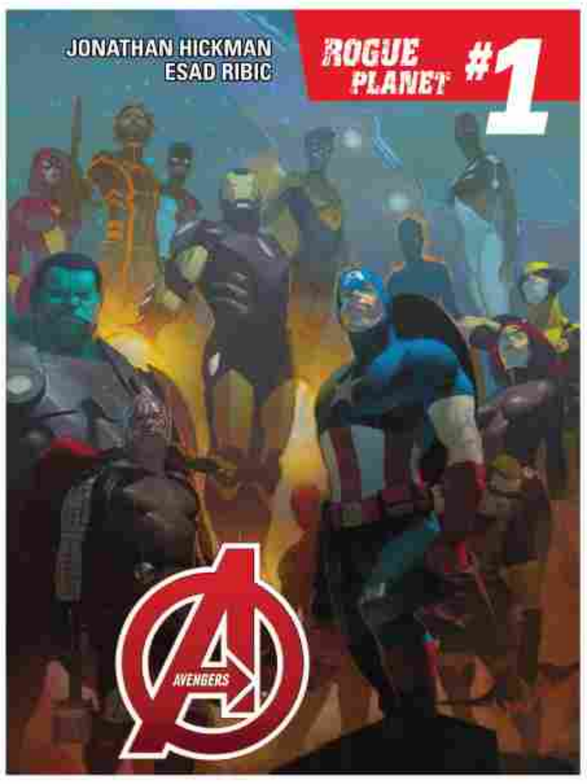
"WHAT HOPE IIIIIS THERE?"

NEW AVENGERS

THE ASSEMBLY!

YOUR ONE-STOP NEWS SOURCE FOR ALL THINGS AVENGERS!

Have we got an extra-special X-Mas present for you! On December 24th, **AVENGERS #24.NOW** kicks off the next wave of ALL-NEW MARVEL NOW! titles! It's an oversized epic from Jonathan Hickman and Esad Ribic, a self-contained story that sets elements into motion that'll culminate in…but that would be telling! It's also available with Daniel Acuña's amazing six-foot AVENGERS 50th Anniversary poster, showcasing the whole blamed line-up! And this is just the first of what will be a bevy of all-star new releases from our best and brightest that will be coming your way in the opening months of 2014! Just look for the big confusing #1 on the cover, and you'll know you're where it's at!



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As if any more evidence were necessary to prove that Avengers mania is taking over the world, the whole White family took the opportunity to assemble this past Halloween! Left to right, we've got Charles, 8; Judi, 12; Kira, 9; Rachel, 6; Ethan, 11; and David, 8! Looking good, kids!

Hey! Here's a letter!

Hi! This is Matthew Sean and I am eleven years old. I've been reading Marvel Comics since as long as I can remember. I've read just about every series since 2005. And let me just say… UNCANNY AVENGERS is my all-time favorite!!!! It rocks! Not only does it have great dialogue by Rick, it also has great covers by John Cassaday, and awesome art. Keep it up.

Matthew Sean

P.S. It would be awesome if I get an e-mail back or even better… the letter of the month on UNCANNY AVENGERS #13.

Yeah, that would be pretty cool, Matthew! But what are the chances that it'll happen?

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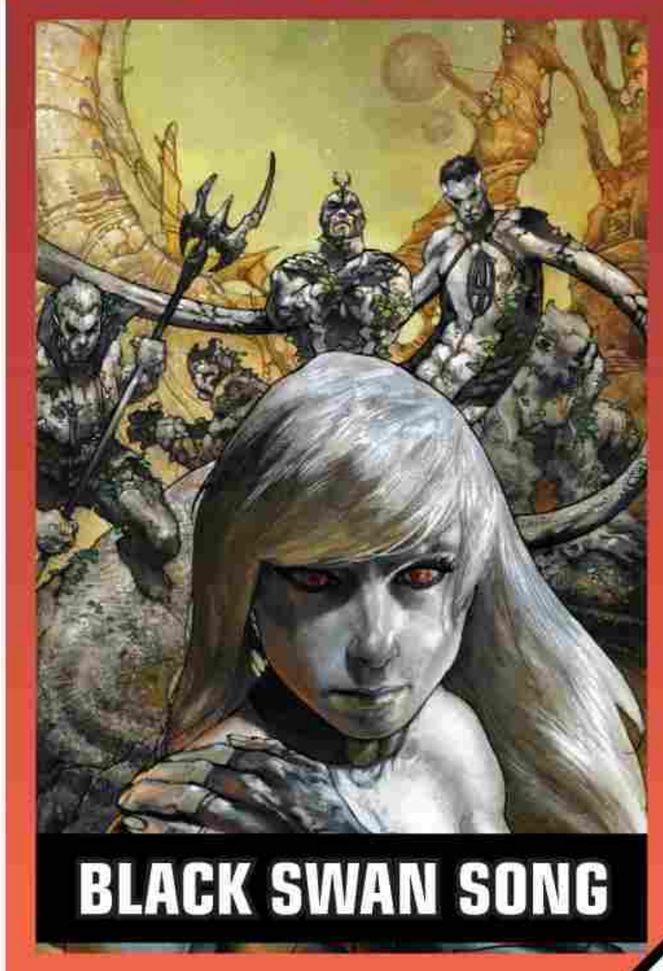

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ALL-NEW MARVEL NOW! IS HERE AND SO IS A ROGUE PLANET ON A COLLISION COURSE WITH EARTH!

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